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In re Application of:

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73
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Sir:

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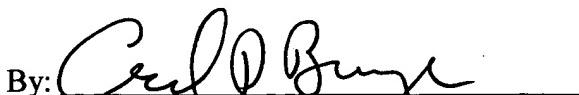
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